

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The allowability of claims 6-8, 15 and 16, if made independent, has been noted. The dependence of claims 7, 8 and 16 has been maintained as the independent claims from which claims 7, 8 and 16 depend have been amended to include the feature of claim 6 and claim 15, the last-mentioned claims being canceled as redundant. Hence all of the claims, as amended, are thought to be allowable over the cited art.

The claims have also been amended to obviate the basis for the Examiner's objections and rejections related to the form of the claims. Thus, claim 13 has been amended by adding thereto the substance of claim 2. This should obviate the Examiner's objection to claim 13.

Claim 18 has been substantially amended to appropriately recite process steps. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Section 112, 2nd ¶ rejection of this claim is thought to be in order.

The "for example" references have been deleted from claim 10. The deleted matter has been made the subject of new claim 19 which is dependent on claim 10. Claim 19 is thought to be in acceptable form and otherwise allowable.


Claim 17 has been amended by changing "obtainable" to "obtained". This should obviate the Examiner's objection to claim 17.

Independent claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 have been amended by adding the feature of claim 6 (or claim 15) thereto. As claim 6 (or claim 15) were indicated to be allowable, it is thought that the indicated amendment of claims 1, 2, 9 and 14 warrants withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1-5, 9-12, 14, 17 and 18 as unpatentable over the "Avecia" reference alone or in view of Dasseux et al. Detailed comment on the Examiner's Section 103(a) references is not thought necessary in the circumstances as the Examiner has already recognized the allowability of claims 6 and 15 over the art.

The application, as amended, is thought to be in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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